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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am an employee of Exelon Corporation, the largest nuclear utility in the United States. Our company will be one of the most affected by the decision on Yucca Mountain.

I am writing to urge the Department of Energy to recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Yucca Mountain has been studied for years. I believe that the Department has identified a suitable location and that storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

Recently, the National Academy of Sciences affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

Ellie Shaw